

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2041–2051; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 46; and H. Res. 219–224, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3, to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–61, Pt. 1);

H.R. 570, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans (H. Rept. 113–62);

H.R. 671, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–63);

H.R. 1412, to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–64);

H.R. 3, to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–61, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3, to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–61, Pt. 3);

H.R. 993, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah (H. Rept. 113–65);

H.R. 1208, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–66);

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–67);

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area (H. Rept. 113–68);

H.R. 1156, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–69);

H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–70);

H.R. 934, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–71);

H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 113–72);

H.R. 723, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–73);

H.R. 829, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–74);

H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960 (H. Rept. 113–75);

H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–76);

H.R. 126, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 113–77);

H.R. 251, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–78);

H.R. 330, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California (H. Rept. 113–79);

H.R. 462, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (H. Rept. 113–80); and

H.R. 520, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–81). **Page H2773**

SEC Regulatory Accountability Act: The House passed H.R. 1062, to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs

and benefits of its regulations and orders, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 160.

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Rejected the Waters motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 159.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–10 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–60) that mandates that assessment plans required under this Act include analysis of any jobs added or lost as a result of the regulation, differentiating between public and private sector jobs and

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Hurt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–60) that expresses the sense of Congress that rules adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) comply with the same standards required of the SEC. Requires the SEC to ensure that any rules adopted by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), and other national securities associations comply with the standards set forth in the bill (by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 157).

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Rejected:

Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–60) that sought to strike all after the enacting clause and insert findings and a sense of Congress that the SEC is required to conduct economic analysis as part of its rulemaking (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 158).

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H. Res. 216, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 156, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 155.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, May 20th.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted a copy of a resolution to authorize an alteration project included in the General Services Administration FY2013 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. The resolution was adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 16, 2013.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–30).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2730–31, H2731, H2747, H2747–48, H2749–50, and H2750. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy began a hearing on the following legislation: “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013”; “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013”; and “Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013”. The hearing will reconvene on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Contribution to the Fight Against Malaria”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer, U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator, President’s Malaria Initiative; and Colonel Peter J. Weina, M.D., Deputy Commander, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Department of Defense.

EYES IN THE SKY: THE DOMESTIC USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Eyes in the Sky: The Domestic Use of Unmanned Aerial Systems”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TARGETING CONSERVATIVE GROUPS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service targeting conservative groups. Testimony was heard from Steve Miller, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General, Tax Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Health Insurance Premiums Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Advocating for American Jacob Ostreicher’s Freedom after Two Years in Bolivian Detention”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.